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(54) Title: USE OF AMIDE OR ESTER OF SUGAR AND OF FATTY ACID, FOR TREATING AND/OR PREVENTING DRY SKIN

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of at least one amide, a mono- or polyester of sugar and of fatty acid, especially linoleic acid, for the preparation of a cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition intended for treating and/or preventing dry skin. It also relates to the use of at least one amide, a sugar mono- or polyester of fatty acid, for the preparation of a cosmetic composition intended for treating oligoseborrhoeic dry skin and/or for stimulating sebum production. It also relates to the use of at least one amide, a mono- or polyester of sugar of linoleic acid for the preparation of a cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition, intended for generating 13-hydroxy-octadecadienoic acid and/or for treating and/or preventing skin disorders and/or disorders of the pilosebaceous unit associated with a deficit of linoleic acid.

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Claims Nos.: -

Present claims 1-44 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds described by claims 22-44 and by the examples

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